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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The American Ambassador to
Belgium, Henry P. Fletcher, who
is also Minister to Luxembourg, has
gone to Luxembourg to present his
credentials to the Grand Duchess.

At a convention of provincial
school trustees in Duncan (B.C.)
it was decided to ask the executive
to take up with the Department of
Education the question of introducing
into the public schools a manual
based on the Bible for use as a
text-book for literature only.

Anthracite mining operations
were at a standstill at Hazelton, the
miners generally remaining idle in
observance of "Mitchell Day," so
called in honour of the successful
termination of the hard coal strike
of 1900 under the leadership of the
late John Mitchell, then interna-
tional president of the United
Mine Workers.

Mass production and labour-saving
devices have so shifted the ratio
between the number of workers and
of executives employed in America
that 200,000 positions of responsi-
bility and high salary will go be-
giving in industry by 1930, unless
something is done to train more men
for such jobs, the National Industrial
Conference Board announced.

Production is in approxi-
mately 100,000 miles of placer
mines in the state of Alaska, have
been taken over by the
Cincinnati. The
American mon-
Easter Railway
Smith is now in

collected income
from 7,018,000 miles
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02,438. A statistic
public to-day by the
Central Revenue, shows
decrease approxi-
00,000 from 1920,
reduction of about
number of persons
and their returns.

Official announcement is made
that the Mexican Government has
proposed to Washington the adoption
of a postal convention making
possible the inauguration of a
C.O.D. mail service between the
two countries. Considerable saving
would be possible for Mexican con-
sumers, it is pointed out, if they
could order small articles direct
from manufacturers in the States.

Speaking to the Women's Council
for the Prevention of War, Mrs.
Carrie Chapman Catt declared that
"there is not a human being in the
United States either in Congress or
at home, who knows the policy of
the United States with regard to
permanent world peace." Mrs.
Catt advocated entering the League
of Nations, in spite of what faults it
may appear to have, "rather than
stand by timidly, ignoring this only
existing actual motion for world
peace."

A delegation representing musical,
art and literary circles waited
upon the City Council at Vancouver
to seek aid in the establishment of
an auditorium. The scheme of finance
suggested was the enlistment
of the aid of 150,000 citizens of
Greater Vancouver, each being asked
to buy one or more bricks in the
institution at \$1 each. It is pro-
posed that when the building is
completed, it be handed over to the
city to administer.

The total native population of
Alaska, adults, and children, attending
schools in the territory for the
fiscal year ending June 14, 1923,
was 25,508, according to Govern-
ment statistics. Of this number,
11,108 pupils, exclusive of adults,
were served in Government schools.
The data disclosed that 58 per cent.
of the total adults read and write,
and that two-thirds of the children
attended school every day in the
school year.

Average weekly earnings of
workers in New York State factories
were higher during September than
they were throughout last year and
\$1.70 higher than in September, a
year ago, it was said in a statement
issued by Bernard L. Shenton,
State Industrial Commissioner.
The present average was given as
\$27.41, which is 20 cents above that
of August, but slightly lower than
in July.

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DEATH

WARREN—November 21, at Sid, mouth, Pelham Laird Warren, K.C.M.G., late H.B.M.'s Consul Service, China, aged 78.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, Dec. 31, 1923.

THE BUSINESS OF LIFE.

"It might have been" are said to be the saddest words of tongue or pen. But the phrase can be used variously. If this dying year has not been all we expected it to be, "it might have been" very much worse. There is at least a modicum of comfort in that side of the matter, suggesting perhaps a tincture of settled pessimism and an acknowledgment that there are forces in the world which we dimly perceive, too great for us to understand, impossible for us to combat. The year which is drawing or dying to its close has been perhaps no better or worse than its many predecessors. For many it opened and continued well, but the promise of successful fulfillment did not mature. It somehow fell short in the good things that seemed to be contained in its flying days—for us and ours. But a moment of thought will convince us that the facts of the case demand that we do without it has been worth living. It has been a business, a great business.

As a community and a Nation Lord Morley's dictum also applies. We have aristos among us with a quick eye for colour, a high sense of the dramatic, and able to arrange tableaux and processions, that should make it fairly easy to arrange such a Pageant. It would bring all classes of the Community together and forge a chain of friendliness not lightly to be broken.

the word used the correct one, the Colony, in no uncertain manner. In spite of the fact that economic conditions have been such that other parts of the world have been the reverse of prosperous, we have swallowed in the lap of progress that is measured in money. We may well hesitate a moment to consider the source and the meaning of that prosperity, and to take a thought for the future, but the onus for that and the settlement of conditions which have brought a measure of hardship to those ill able to afford it, is in other hands. We cannot let it rest at that and those in authority should continually be reminded that wrongs are made to be righted. Apart from that the business of life for us in this place is to be and to do as members of a race renowned for its high sense of justice and for its desire for the things that are true and of good report. Has 1923 emphasised these national traits in us?

Nationally we seem to have gone back somewhat. The roar of the lion is not regarded as it once was. And we are inclined to think this is just as well. We think we can say with a reasonable amount of pride that 1923 has found Great Britain more than solid in the matter of straight dealing, and all out for honesty of purpose and action—an example to others. The world is not yet safe for democracy, but such institutions as the League of Nations give us hope. The past year has more than tested it, almost riven it, but it still stands firm, full of possibilities for the future peace of the world.

For our very near neighbours, 1923 does not appear to have been very gracious, but in all the strife and chaos which seem for the moment to be the portion of the Chinese Nation, we desire to see flickerings of hope. From an old regime she was suddenly plunged into a new one from which much was expected. Sudden changes do not necessarily bring in their train immediate benefits, and this fact must be borne in mind by those who would criticise harshly the gropings and strivings of an obviously great people.

We have been obviously optimistic in this inadequate reference to the year within a few hours at its end, and leave the message of optimism for 1924 as the only sensible thing with which to commence the New Year. Ring out the old by all means; Ring in the new certainly, but let us not leave it to others. Let us remember anew that the business of 1924 for us is "to be," and "to do." That being recognised the added "to do without" will come as a matter of course whilst "to depart" will not concern us very greatly.

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Our Police. Tempering our jubilation at the successful issue of Saturday's battle with armed robbers at Yaumati, will be a note of sympathy with the gallant officers who have suffered in following the onerous cause of duty in one of the worst plague spots in the Colony. Not merely the European section of the force over there, but the Chinese and Indian police seem to have gone to their dangerous task with a vim and determination that merits the highest praise. Their effort has not been in vain, and will also have its effect in warning off other desperate characters who may be disposed to attempt fortune at the point of the dagger and the revolver. Promptness seems to have dominated the proceedings and the community will agree with us that Inspector Murphy and his colleagues are deserving of all the good things that can be said of them. The whole incident, including the revolver duel, show that the provision of bullet-proof waistcoats to be an absolute necessity, and a matter of wisdom in providing for them. We trust they will soon be here and use at once made of them. The lives of the Police are too valuable to have them thrown away at a moment's notice by the bullets of those who evidently are prepared to stop at nothing to secure their ends and to create a reign of terror throughout the Colony. Some of them now see that desperate resources, are to be met with desperate resources, and that one good revolver shot from a police pistol is likely to be as effective as one from a robber. Saturday's business proves anew the correctness of W. S. Gilbert when he said:—

When constabulary duty's to be done,
A Policeman's lot is not a happy one.

CHARIVARI. We cannot help but observe that the "Hydrangea" was pirated in Bias Bay. This suggests a clue. Were the pirates bowlers?

Many found out that whiles misletoe made a good Christmas decoration, holly had its points.

Will there be a sound of rustling to-night? There should be if the turning over of new leaves is up to the quantity of past New Year eve.

Science can gauge the "kick" in a feminine kiss we are told. This is the first time we have known s.m.a.c.k. to be spelt kick.

There is a revival in home weaving and spinning. Married men in Hongkong still cling to the same old yarns.

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A friend, drinking THE SNOBs. to change his quarters, advertised that a young man wanted board and residence. He received only three replies, all "unsatisfactory." He advertised again, and substituting "gentleman" for "man" he received over 40 answers.

* The Vicar of St. Nicholas's Gdns. Walsay, is distressed that people do not come to his church but may be seen strolling through the village with golf clubs, or may be seen going off for a day's motoring. So he asks why not come to church as they are? And he adds that it would certainly be better to come to church in flannels and to see stacks of golf clubs in the porch and a row of motors outside the church, rather than for them not to come at all. That we think is only

sense, and we commend the idea to the parishes at St. John's Cathedral and the Union Church. A little hymn-singing before golf would probably lead to better play and less desire to address the ball in hasty language.

POIGNANT. "How cry ever given on a cricket-field must have been when a wicket was offered and waited for it calmly."

Miss N. Archie appealingly, "and my sister!"

The SLOW air's STONY. ploughing through Bericath a silken owner, Lord Muniche, his champagne, and ed his charming dame, who was looking over the side. Young witty, she was a favorite and the jewel of his

His Lordship was another bottle, when piercing scream and Aldermeade had disappeared.

Lord Munchausen turned to the side, bitterly crying, "My child, my child!"

Like a flash, Crying, the eighth chamberlain, who had been winding the clock, rushed to the binnacle, and plunged into the foaming breaker.

As the cold waves closed over the brave deliverer, Lord Munchausen, unscrolling his fountain pen, generously called for his cheque book, and ordered the immediate resignation of the first chamberlain, pending the refilling of that august post.

They were opening a case of creme de menthe when Lord Munchausen returned to the mill to look for the bold rescuer. Sighing, he tore up the cheque. The fool couldn't swim.

We do not know, if PRAYER. special prayers were offered in the local Churches in the matter of the recent General Election, but readers of the China Mail may be interested in reading the prayer which the Archbishop of Canterbury directed to be used in the Churches at Home prior to the election:

Almighty God, the source of all wisdom, direct, we beseech Thee, the minds of those now called to elect fit persons to serve in the High Court of Parliament, that they may have regard to Thy glory and the welfare of Thy people; and on those whom they shall choose, bestow, of Thy goodness the spirit of wisdom and true religion; for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Amen.

We are a babe in COCKTAILS. such things and do not therefore pose as an authority. Doubtless there is a book which gives the names of all known cocktails. We wonder if it contains the name of one which has just come to our hand which is described as "the Maiden's Prayer."

McCarthy we know: a Pink Lady we know, but The Maiden's Prayer we do not know.

We do not know, if EXACTITORS. who holds the record for exactitude in detail but the following emanating from Queensland leaves nothing open to doubt. It concerns the death of a train-traveller. The report read: "When picked up, the decapitated body was quite cold, and lying on its side, about 17 inches out from the down rail, and about 18 feet 6 inches from the home signal. The body had apparently fallen from one of the night trains, or perhaps a day train, or else the man had been asleep on the line and unaware of the train's approach, or else he had purposely committed suicide himself."

(Gruelish particulars of mortification hero.) "The head, which was picked up some eight or nine feet away from the spot where the body was found, had apparently been cut clean off. The corpse, when discovered, was to all appearances totally dead and lifeless."

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A congregation for conferring of Degrees is to be held at the University on Wednesday, January 9.

Rice, flour and sugar quotations will be found in this issue of the China Mail under Commercial Notes.

It is reported that 10% will be levied on all theatre tickets sold in Canton. This tax will be used for military purposes. It is also proposed that a luxury tax of 10% be levied on all motor-cycles.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., advertise that all their departments will be closed off on Tuesday, January 1. The Dispensary will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. for the dispensing of prescriptions only.

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A Carol Service was held at St. John's Cathedral last night, the soloists being Miss Matheson and Sir Claud Severn.

Sir James Jamieson, Sir W. B. Bean, and Mr. R. W. Barney were passengers on the outgoing "Malabar Hind."

THE SECRETARIES OF C.I.D. OTHER INSTITUTIONS

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SUN'S SUBORDINATES.

FIGHTING FOR POWER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMUN, December 29. Admiral Chan Chak, the virtual governor of the territory in and around this part of the river delta, left here yesterday, to direct operations on the Chin Shan front, which is not far from Macao. It has now been ascertained that the trouble arose through Ju Cheuk-man attacking some of Chan's troops in Chin Shan, the latter having been left there after assisting Ju to beat back the Yunnans who tried to take the Heung Shan district from him. Ju has been ordered by Sun Yat-sen to relinquish his post and his refusal has brought matters to a head. In the first attack Chan's men suffered over seventy killed and about one hundred wounded.

Admiral Chan retaliated by sending the gunboats "Kong Hon," "Kong Tai" and some armed launches and Ju has been defeated. Shui Tsim, at the northern extremity of the district, has already been taken by Chan, who is also besieging Shek-ki, the capital. It has been announced that Chan will not enter the capital until Ju's men have been cleared as he does not wish to be implicated in any possible looting.

The position at Kongmoon is, relatively, quiet.

The gunboat "Kwong Hung" is at Kowloon.

Cheung Yat-to is the new San Wui magistrate.

A few passengers on the Canton-Kongmoon and Shiu-hung-Kongmoon junk ferries have been wounded by pirates while half-way between Pak Kai (Kongmoon's port) and Chu Tau Shan (Pig's Head Hill.)

ANOTHER PIRACY.

SALT JUNK STRIPPED.

Piracy of a cargo of salt assessed at \$170 and clothing valued at \$7, in Chinese waters, has been reported to the Police. Yesterday, a junk master put into Tai O. His report is that on the afternoon of December 26, he was near Lin Tin when he was challenged by six men. As his crew only numbered six and the visitors had four rifles between them, he submitted to their clearing the ship.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Caprice" sailed from Foochow on Dec. 10 and is expected to be about Jan. 30. The H. E. s.s. "Phoenix" left Liverpool on Dec. 13 for Pusan, Port Swet, Siam, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton and Dairen and is due here on about Jan. 26.

The P. & O. s.s. "Dreadnought" left Liverpool on Dec. 13 for Singapore, Ceylon and Japan and is due here on about Jan. 26.

SOCCER.

TRIANGULAR INTERPORT.

TRIAL MATCH NEXT SATURDAY.

The *China Mail* is indebted to Mr. F. T. James, honorary secretary and treasurer of the H.K. Football Association, for the names of players chosen for the Interport trial match arranged for 4 p.m. on Saturday next, January 5, at Happy Valley, and the following comment:

TRIAL TEAMS.

White—Goal, Waviss, (Tamar); Backs: Wynne, (Police), Bishop, (H.K.F.C.); Halves: Mair, (H.K.F.C.); McElvane, (Kowloon); Lelliot, (R.G.A.); Forwards: Charlesworth, (Surreys), Eaton, (Surreys), Johnson, (Police), Nash, (R.A.M.C.), Mackelworth, (Surreys).

Blue—Goal, Forsyth, (H.K.F.C.); Backs: Smith, (R.G.A.), Whele, (Kowloon); Halves: Post, (Police); Stewart, (H.K.F.C.); Bailey, (Kowloon); Forwards: Simpson, (Police); Begg, (H.K.F.C.); Humberstone, (Surreys), Caseldine, (R.G.A.); Omar, (St. Joseph's).

Reserves: Angus, Duncan, McPhail, Mason and Knight. The Committee consider that these teams represent the best available men for each position, and after this game they will choose the team which will represent Hongkong in the Interport contest.

Shan and very Chinese New Year. It has not yet been possible for the Committee to decide upon a probable eleven as there have been two possible men for each position the Committee have, therefore, decided to have the men on their form in this match.

The Interport this year is particularly interesting, not only because it is the first year there has been a Triangular contest, but because it is the first year there has been a trophy to play for, and the first year the competition has been controlled by definite rules.

These rules provide, *inter alia*, that the competition shall be open to any port in the Far East, that the trophy shall be played for alternately at Shanghai and Hongkong, and that the control of the competition shall be in the hands of the Shanghai and Hongkong Football Associations.

The inauguration of this competition—made possible by the generosity of the *Hongkong Telegraph* in providing a splendid cup—has opened up a vista of future years seeing a number of ports competing annually in a competition that will be as popular in the Far East, as the English Cup competition is in England.

It would be unwise at this date to venture an opinion as to the result of the Interport game, but it is safe to say that the Hongkong representative will be Rees to reverse the result of the last Interport game which was played in Hongkong.

To-morrow's Match.

ARMY v. NAVY.

A grand charity match, Royal Navy v. Army, is being played at Sookunpoo to-morrow, New Year's Day, kick off at 4 p.m.

The following team has been selected to represent the Army—Goal, Sgt. Smith, R.C.A. Backs, L. Cpl. Humberstone, East Surreys, and Lieut. Smith, R.G.A. Half-backs, Cpl. Howard, R.A.M.C., Pte. Boniface, East Surreys, Cpl. Lelliot, R.G.A. Forwards—Q. M. Sgt. Charlesworth, East Surreys, Pte. Eaton, East Surreys, Mr. Gnr. Castledine, R.G.A. Pte. Nash, R.A.M.C., Pte. Mackelworth, East Surreys Regt.

Reserves—Ptes. Butler and Jordan, East Surreys.

Referee—Mr. Cassidy.

Extra seating accommodation is being provided and a good game and crowd is expected. The prices of admission to grand stand are civilians \$1.00, services in uniform, 50 cents. Unreserved side, civilians, 50 cents, services in uniform, 25 cents. The proceeds will be in aid of services charity.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.

DIVISION I.

H.K. Club..... 4 Ambrose..... 2 Tamar..... 2 Hawkes..... 1 Despatch..... 4 Police..... 0 Diomedes..... 1 Kowloon..... 0 South China..... 1 R.G.A. 0

DIVISION II.

St. Joseph's..... 6 Iroquois..... 2 Club de Rec..... 3 Club Res..... 0 Titania Res..... 4 Diomedes Res. 1 University..... 1 Sacred Heart 0 Maraston..... 2 S. China "A" 2 S. China "B" 0 Hawkins..... 1

FRIENDLY.

Surreys..... 3 Titania..... 1

H.K. Football Club's senior eleven delighted their supporters on Saturday by trouncing the strong "Ambrose" team to the tune of 4-2. All the Club's goals were obtained in the first half. The game was more than a friendly one.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

The new American Ambassador has arrived in England.

The fate of the crew of the "Dixmude" is still uncertain.

An American freighter has foundered in the Black Sea, with all hands.

Germany's floating debt has been reduced as a result of the Rentenmark issue.

Crepe rubber for footwear is reported as being very popular, and the sale of the product is increasing.

GENERAL.

Mexico City—The National Railway has applied for a concession to build a short line between Mexico City and Tampico. The cost will be 7,000,000 pesos.

Chicago—Practice of law in the United States is a gambling game, played between two sets of lawyers, with a judge as the umpire, James Hannibal Clancy, Detroit lawyer, declared during a recent speech here.

Chicago—A portable radio set with an aerial strung around a bicycle rim, is one of the exhibits in the radio show here. The bicycle rim is worn about the shoulders like an Elizabethan ruff. The batteries connected with it are carried in a "pendant lunch box."

Winnipeg, Man.—A new Government grain elevator to serve the Canadian National railways, will be constructed at Edmonton, Alta., in time for next year's crop. Charles Stewart, Canadian Minister of the Interior, announced during a visit to Winnipeg. The elevator will have a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels, and will cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000, he said.

Paris—The Egyptian Prince Kemaï Eddine, who recently acquired a French automobile equipped with caterpillar wheels for travelling over the desert, plans to make a dash into the heart of Libya to find a record left there by the British explorer Rolfe in 1873. The Prince hopes to blaze a trail from Egypt to the Sahara by way of Libya. He will be accompanied by three French mechanics.

Milan—Giacomo Puccini, the composer, has won his suit against the Ricordi Music Publishing Company in which he complained that his dignity and artistic personality had been injured by the publication of a fox trot containing an excerpt from his opera, "Madame Butterfly." The Ricordi company was condemned to pay damages, the amount of which will be fixed at a separate sitting, and also to pay two-thirds of the court costs. It was shown at the trial that publication of the fox trot in question had been stopped.

SUICIDE?

OFFICER'S DEATH.

There has been removed to the Public Mortuary, the body of Mr. Ernest Bruce Smith, the chief officer of the river steamer "Leung Kwong." He was found on the ship at seven o'clock last night with a shot in the head, which the police believe to be self-inflicted. The opinion expressed is that he committed suicide while temporarily insane.

With the half-time score at 1-1, the "Tamar" played with plenty of dash to beat the flagship by the odd goal in three. A clean-spirited game was seen.

Spasmodic individual brilliance in the Police team could not keep out the improved "Despatch" forwards who carried out their ship's name by 4 goals to 2.

With Wheeler away, and Pasco deputising in goal, Kowloon went down to the "Diomedes" on the Navy "B" ground. A close game ended in favour of the sailors who scored the only goal.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

PIRACY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir.—Referring to your leading article of Saturday. On what grounds do you presume the usual enquiry will be held into the pirating of the "Hydrangea"? Is the additional memory so overworked that it has already forgotten the piracy of the "Sanning"? She also was a British ship, which went from Hongkong, was pirated and two British officers seriously wounded, returned to Hongkong and sent these officers to Hospital where they remained three weeks. When was the usual enquiry held? Have not the members of the Mercantile Marine "already" demanded "a searching enquiry" into that case, and with what result?

That an enquiry would raise once again the vexed question of piracy prevention is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but it will serve no purpose to raise it and then pigeonhole it. Let the enquiry, investigation, commission, inquest, (absit omen), or any other old thing you like to call it be carried to its logical conclusion and never mind a tinker's cuss about "My Government."

It is to be hoped that the Government will enlist the collected wisdom of numberless Solomons to devise suitable solution and it is also to be hoped that these Solomons will not be laymen who have never been to sea and or have no intention of going. Let some of the practical men, who have a first hand knowledge of the matter and are studying the matter day and night in situ and not in armchairs, have a chance of authoritatively expressing their views, instead of being submitted to cross-examination, like hostile witnesses, by Government officials and budding chief justices who know salt water only when they taste it.

As to penalties "first catch your hare," but a start might be made by sending some of our "D" class

crusaders to Bias Bay for big gun practice and blowing the whole country-side off the map.

Yours &c.

"FIVE-EIGHTH."

Hongkong, December 31.

TO-DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS.

INSURANCE OFFICES.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY, the 1st & WEDNESDAY, the 2nd January, 1924.

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1923.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility in our firm of Mr. EDWARD JOHN CHAPMAN having ceased as from 31st December 1923, we have this day taken into partnership MR. HARRY GREENWOOD, A.C.A.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,

Chartered Accountants.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1924.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 7th day of January, 1924, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Ma Tau Wej in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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No.	Surveyor No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements			S.	Crown Rent
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ATLANTIC, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.....Sunday, 10th February

ATLANTIC, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.....Via Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.

ATLANTIC, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.....Via Singapore, Colombo, Durban, & Cape Town.

ATLANTIC, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.....Tuesday, 8th Jan.

ATLANTIC, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.....Via Singapore and Colombo.

ATLANTIC, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.....Sunday, 30th Dec.

BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang).....Friday, 4th Jan.

CHAMAROK & KEPAPOK.....Via Singapore and Colombo.

BUSO MARU.....Thursday, 3rd January.

CHAMAROK & KEPAPOK.....Via Singapore and Colombo.

CHAMAROK & KEPAPOK.....Wednesday, 16th Jan.

CHAMAROK & KEPAPOK.....Via Singapore and Colombo.

CHAMAROK & KEPAPOK.....Saturday, 10th Jan.

CHAMAROK & KEPAPOK.....Via Singapore and Colombo.

CHAMAROK & KEPAPOK.....Sunday, 30th Dec. at 10 a.m.

AMAKUSA MARU.....Sunday, 6th Jan. at 10 a.m.

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"KASHGAR"	8,840	2nd Feb.	MADRAS, LONDON & ANTWERP
"SOUDAN"	6,696	13th Feb.	B'PO, PONANG, COLOMBO & BOMBAY
"MORRA"	10,911	23rd Feb.	BAY, MILLS, LONDON & ANTWERP
"KARMA"	6,098	8th Mar.	MADRAS, LONDON & ANTWERP
"NALDERA"	13,093	22nd Mar.	BAY, MILLS, LONDON & ANTWERP
"SICILIA"	6,813	28th Mar.	SPONG, PONANG, COLOMBO & BOMBAY
"KHYBER"	9,014	5th Apr.	MADRAS, LONDON & ANTWERP
"OHNA"	7,875	10th Apr.	MADRAS, LONDON & ANTWERP
"SOUDAN"	6,696	26th Apr.	Shore, PONANG, COLOMBO & BOMBAY
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May.	MADRAS, LONDON & ANTWERP
"KASHMIR"	8,860	17th May	MADRAS, LONDON & ANTWERP
"KHIVA"	9,097	31st May	MADRAS, LONDON & ANTWERP

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"TORILLA"	5,205	22nd Jan.	Singapore, PONANG & CALCUTTA.
"JAPAN"	6,032	2nd Feb.	Singapore, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thermopyla, Townsville, Brisbane, Island, Townsville, Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	10th Jan.	Sydney & Melbourne.
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Feb.	do.

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"TORILLA"	8,238	1st Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Kobo.
"SICILIA"	6,813	at 4 p.m.	Shanghai.
"JAPAN"	6,032	7th Jan.	Shai, Moji and Kobo.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	10th Jan.	Moji and Kobo.
"MOREA"	10,011	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
"KALYAN"	8,098	27th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	1st Feb.	Shanghai.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji and Kobo.
"NALDERA"	13,093	2nd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
"KHYBER"	9,014	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
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"KASHMIR"	8,860	17th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
"KHIVA"	9,097	22nd May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobo.
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CRICKET.

R.E. v INDIANS 2ND XI.

The Royal Engineers played their first drawn match in the league this season, their opponents being the I.R.C. 2nd XI. Batting first, the Indians knocked up 179 for 8 wickets, the ball going to the boundary with frequency during the innings. For once the R.E. bowling was mastered, skipper D. Rumjahn hitting 6 and four 4's in his brief stay. Curreen also played bright cricket.

Only Major Gandy and Smith made a stand when the Sappers went in to bat at 4.20 p.m., but Ramsey hit two 6's before being run out.

I.R.C. 2ND XI.

M. P. Mader	b Cockell	24
H. D. Rumjahn	b Goodman	19
O. Rumjahn	b Jacob	10
J. S. Curreen	not out	57
F. M. el Arculli	b Jacob	9
N. B. Kitchell	b. w. Jacob	0
D. Rumjahn	b Goodman	31
I. Hasson	b. w. Goodman	3
Sirdar Khan	b Cockell	17
Extras		9
Total (for 8 wkt. de.) 179		

A. Kitchell and E. Moosdeen did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Goodman, Playford and Cloughton did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Kowloon 2nd XI entertained the University 2nd XI in a league match and a draw resulted, the home team being 10 runs short of victory with the last man hitting when stumps were drawn. Osman (48) and Laing (27) were the only ones to make a stand for the visitors.

Laing opened the Varsity bowlers and was noshalled on five occasions; he finished up by bowling under-arm and was taken off at the end of the over. It appears that Laing sent down four balls without dissent but when he delivered the fifth, the umpire at the batsman's end (a Kowloon man) called no-ball.

This was repeated on no fewer than four occasions and a discussion arose. The argument was not concerned so much with Laing's method of delivery as with the authority on which the umpire at the batsman's end, questioned the ball.

The umpire at the bowler's end (a University man) is alleged to have hinted that it was not appropriate for the other man to have done so. Reference to the M.C.C.'s rules of cricket and the official instructions to home umpires are quite explicit on this point and, it is believed, local league cricket is played under M.C.C. laws.

Scores:-

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI.

Bowling Analysis.

Bowling Analysis.

FIRST DIVISION.

SECOND DIVISION.

Friendly Matches.

Declaring at 180 for 9 wickets, the H.K.C.C. had no difficulty in disposing of the East Surrey's eleven in a friendly match on the Club ground. Bowker was the principal contributor to the Club's score, as he obtained 62. Half a dozen bowlers were tried by the regimental team. Lammet was mainly responsible for the Surrey's score of 102. He bowled throughout the innings and secured 6 wickets for 30.

Batting first, the Indian R.C. knocked up 245 for 5 wickets against the eight bowlers of Mr. R. A. Ponsonby-Fane's eleven which visited Sookumpo. A. H. Rumjahn played bright cricket for his 97 while A. el Arculli and A. H. Mader got into the thirties. Balhetchet (23) and H. C. Hunt (23) opened for the visitors but the others were out cheaply. U. M. Osman (3 for 43) and A. H. Mudar (5 for 48) bowled unchanged.

The Chinese 2nd XI, made 136 against the Club 2nd XI, at Causeway Bay. Wong Po-keung was top-scorer with 31 to his credit. D. E. Donnelly made a welcome re-appearance in local cricket and celebrated his return by getting 6 wickets for 34 runs. When stumps were drawn, the Club had 5 wickets down for 170 (Hollands 62 retired, and Eltery 71).

On the Navy ground, Happy Valley, the H.K.C.C. "A" team was defeated by the Navy 2nd XI, who declared at 202 for 5 wickets (Worthington 72 not out and Ramsbottom 53). The H.K.C.C. were all out for 100, a stand by Dean (36) and England (22) being responsible for most of the runs.

F. E. Lawrence compiled 110 (retired) for Craigengower in a match with the Club de Recreo.

The C.C.C. declared at 225 for 8 and got the visitors out for 93.

Taikeo Nomads played another match on Saturday, losing to Civil Service 2nd XI, by a big margin.

The C.S.C.C. score was 213 for 9 wickets, declared (Hamilton 53 retired, Smith 53 not out and Sara 42) and the Nomads mustered 64, Sara and Edmunds each taking 4 wickets.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kaiyuan" from Hongkong arrived at Marseilles on Dec. 30.

The D. L. & N. s.s. "Chapra" from Fremantle on Dec. 18 is expected here today.

The B. F. & N. s.s. "Philippines" for Manila left Manila on Dec. 29 for this port and is due here to-morrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Arafur" left Moji for this port on Dec. 30 at p.m. and is due here on Jan. 3 at about p.m.

The A.O.L. s.s. "President Madison" which sailed from Seattle on Dec. 16 is due here on Jan. 6.

The A.O.L. s.s. "President Grant" which sailed from this port at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31, is due in Manila at 7 a.m. on Jan. 2. She sails from that port at 5 p.m. on Jan. 4, arriving here at 7 a.m. Jan. 6, and will be despatched for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. Jan. 7.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 28 p.m. left Yokohama on Dec. 29 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on Jan. 9.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver B.C. via Shanghai (Woo Sung), Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on Jan. 10.

The B. F. & N. s.s. "Imjin" left Liverpool on Dec. 8 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on about Jan. 13.

The A. O. L. s.s. "Eikton" is expected to arrive from New York via ports on January 13, 1924.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Dec. 27 and is due here on Jan. 18.

The B. F. & N. s.s. "Aspinator" left Liverpool on Dec. 10 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Kobe and is due here on about Jan. 17.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, December 29.—League matches played to-day resulted as follows:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.				
Arsenal	1	Chester	0	
Aston Villa	2	Cardiff City	1	
Blackburn R.	1	Huddersfield T.	0	
Bolton W.	2	Everton	0	
Burnley	1	Preston N. E.	0	
Liverpool	2	West Ham U.	0	
Manchester C.	3	West Brom. A.	3	
Notts. F.	0	Newcastle U.	0	
Sheffield U.	0	Ridder's	1	
Sunderland	1	Notts. C.	1	
Tottenham H.	1	Birmingham	1	
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.				
Aberdeen	3	Clyde	0	
Airdrieonians	1	Raith Rovers	0	
Hamilton A.	0	Ayr United	0	
Hearts	1	Dundee	0	
Kilmarnock	0	Third Lanark	0	
Morton	1	Hibernians	0	
Partick T.	0	Falkirk	1	
Queen's Park	2	Motherwell	2	
St. Mirren	0	Rangers	0	

The Celtic v. Clydebank match was postponed, the ground being unfit for play.—Reuters.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1.

TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Cardiff City	23	13	2	8	34
Bolton Wanderers	25	11	4	10	32
Huddersfield Town	23	13	6	4	30
Sunderland	23	12	6	5	29
Aston Villa	25	9	5	11	29
Newcastle United	24	11	8	5	27
Blackburn Rovers	23	11	7	5	27
Everton	24	10	8	6	26
Sheffield United	23	9	6	8	26
Tottenham Hotspur	23	9	6	8	26
Notts. County	23	7	6	10	24
West Ham United	23	7	8	8	22
Manchester City	22	8	8	6	22
West Bromwich Albion	23	6	9	8	20
Burnley	23	6	9	8	20
Arsenal	23	7	10	6	20
Nottingham Forest	23	6	11	6	18
Liverpool	23	7	12	4	18
Birmingham	23	4	10	9	17
Middlesbrough	23	6	13	4	16
Preston North End	23	4	14	5	15

TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Rangers	20	14	1	5	33
Airdrieonians	21	11	4	6	28
Celtic	20</td				

YAMATI SHOOTING.
WOUNDED OFFICERS' CONDITION.
TWO ROBBERS DYING.

On enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon, Dr. C. W. McKenna courteously informed the *China Mail* that Sergeant Robertson is still in a very critical condition and will be so for some days.

It was learnt from police circles to-day that this officer had twice been wounded in the war, but had recovered.

Dr. McKenna's opinion regarding the other officers who were wounded in the affray with the armed gang at Yamati on Saturday morning, is as follows:-

Detective Sergeant Fender—satisfactory.

The Sikh sergeant—on the whole satisfactory, although he had a serious injury.

Detective Man Wan—“is quite all right.”

As to the three alleged robbers, Dr. McKenna said that two were in a very serious state while the third will probably recover.

The man arrested in the flat was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and formally remanded. No plea was taken.

AFTERMATH.

Robbery Gossip.

Official and unofficial versions conflict as to how the police got wind of the robbery while it was in progress. According to one of the senior officers at Yamati station, one of the occupants of the floor below volunteered a report at the charge-room that “an armed robbery was suspected.” This class of report had become fairly common in that crime-infested district, consequently the danger ahead was not sensed in the least. Nevertheless, Detective Inspector “Tim” Murphy went to the informant's floor and “smelt a rat.”

One of the unofficial versions has it that a cigarette hawker with a pitch at the bottom of the staircase, laid the initial report. He is said to have been an ex-policeman and the desperadoes were suspected by his trained eye, as soon as they entered the house.

Hearst is responsible for yet another story which is that a water carrier overheard the victims of the robbery, pleading for their lives and offering all they had.

Police Thoughtfulness.
Framing together the fragments picked up from the officers engaged in the fray, it appears that the police decided to decoy the robbers out of the house into the street to minimise the danger to people in the house, shortly after the three Europeans had posted themselves on the staircase.

Interesting Theories.
Chinese who have studied the actions of robbers in the interior are curious to know what happened to the man or men who stood guard at the door, or in the street. They claim that the scout outside is absolutely necessary, that it is usually the more experienced, quick-to-act, trained observer, that is assigned to the duty, and point to the frequency with which these “guards” are mentioned in police reports. The general opinion is that the look-out man must have been in the street and that he took to his heels when Tim Murphy—who has been engaged in Yamati detective work for a decade and is universally known there—first went there to investigate.

Chinese Tec's Stamina.
Men who have previously been under fire in the trenches will find a special interest in the account of what happened to the Chinese detective who was wounded. After being shot in the back he was not conscious of his injury and together with another detective, ran his quarry to earth and brought him into the charge-room. It was not till then that he felt uneasy. He is said to have asked his colleague to have a look at his back to see “what was the matter.” What language he used then is excusable but the alleged robber is quoted as having rejoined “All right; brother. I have several (meaning bullets) in my body” and thereupon lifted up his coat to beat out his contention.

Miscellaneous Items.
The shooting was over in a few minutes and everything was so sudden that nobody had time to take stock of anything outside his own immediate attention. Hence there was little in the way of an organised, effective cordon, individual police just giving chase when they saw a robber firing or running.

If what is stated is correct, the miscreants must have prepared to resist capture to the utmost, as it is said that they had their weapons tied to their belts and also had an abundance of ammunition. These are more than what is required to terrorise the average Chinese householder.

Detective Mai Yu, who is (claimed) to have made one arrest, is attached to Central. He was on his way to the ferry for Hong Kong, when he heard the shots and at once joined in the fray. This detective has to his

APPRECIATION.

The large number of those who witnessed the display of classical dancing by Miss Violet Cappell's pupils, some time ago, will be interested to read the letter, copy of which we give below sent by Viscount Knutsford, Chairman of the London Hospital, to which institution Miss Cappell devoted part of the proceeds of her concert.

London Hospital
Whitechapel E. 1
24th November 1923.

Dear Madam.—You have given me a most delightful surprise, and I cannot tell you how pleased I am with the splendid cheque which this morning's post has brought me.

It may add to your pleasure, as it certainly has to mine, that the gift is worth twice its face value, as a friend of mine has just offered to match £1 for £1 every monies gift made to the Hospital before the end of the year. We will do this up to £80,000, so you see that your pupils have really helped us to the extent of £120.

Please pass on my warmest thanks to everyone concerned, and pray intercept a most liberal part for yourself. I really am most grateful.

I hope you will accept as the most trifling of gifts the little book I am sending you under separate cover, my Secretary had the cheek to write it, and though there is too much about me in it there is plenty of interesting Hospital matter.”

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) KNUTSFORD.

The Stigberg quay at Gothenburg will be extended at the eastern end, and the harbour depth will be increased at this point to 10 metres in order to accommodate the largest steamships from the United States. The cost of the scheme is estimated at 500,000 crowns.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Cargo arrived by s.s. “West Marwah” remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent. Agents—Struthers and Barry.



THE SAD EYE

that goes with Bloodlessness is a sure sign of misery and weakness. Anaemic girls and women have dull, heavy eyes, with dark lines underneath; the eyelid, if pulled down, looks puffy and bloodshot inside.

This is not all. Anæmia works havoc all through the system: girls grow painfully weak and irritable; they are breathless and incapable of much exertion, while older women who are anaemic complain of being “never really well.”

There is only one way to brighten better health for girls and women in that is to administer the fætus body with New Blood—the rich, healthy blood that imparts strength, cleanses the system of all impurities and restores beauty with the bright eyes and red lips of perfect health.

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Never seen “anything else,” study our health and insist on having what you ask for, viz—

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

credit; a thrilling capture, after a running revolver duel in several streets, during race-week this year, when the villain was ultimately brought down with about half-a-dozen bullets in him.

The No. 1 Chinese detective at Yamati, hero of a pistol battle with four armed robbers in Portland Street a month or so ago, was also in this affair but had the misfortune to sprain his ankle when taking a leap over a stack of bricks.

A rumour goes that one of the alleged robbers, who is known in Yamati as “Analytical Chin,” has previous acquaintance with the police. Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, is mentioned as having personally executed a search on his house immediately after the shooting.

NOTICES TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE

FROM NORTH CHINA
Jan. 6.—J.O.I.L. Tsinan.

FROM BANGKOK
Jan. 6.—E. A. Bania.

FROM SHANGHAI
Jan. 13.—J.C.J.L. Tsinan.

FROM MANILA
Jan. 10.—U.S.S.B. West Carmona.

FROM JAPAN
Jan. 2.—J.C.J.L. Tsinan.

FROM JAVA
Jan. 27.—J.C.J.L. Tjikaroen.

FROM SINGAPORE
Doc. 24.—B.L. Tortilla.

FROM CALCUTTA
Jan. 6.—B.L. Japan.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE
Jan. 2.—A.O.L. Kut.

7.—E. A. St. Albans.

8.—E. A. Eastern.

9.—E. A. Arafura.

10.—E. A. St. Albans.

11.—D. & Co. Chupra.

12.—A.O.L. Tyndares.

13.—A.O.L. Cupram.

14.—B.F. Protosilaus.

15.—B.F. Achille.

16.—B.F. Philoctetes.

17.—B.F. Tyndares.

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19.—B.F. Achille.

20.—B.F. SEATTLE.

21.—A.O.L. Fred. Madison.

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While in the office of District Attorney Dudd, of Brooklyn, N. Y., asking that an investigation be made into the disappearance of her husband, Richard, whose coat and hat were found on the middle span of one of the bridges over the East River, Mrs. Emma Dieters gazed into the face of a man who entered the room. "That's him!" she shrieked. "Don't let him get away!" Then she fainted. The man was E. M. Jeffe, assistant sales manager of the Brooklyn Edison Company and a prominent member of the Crescent Athletic Club, where Dieters had been threatened because members of the club believed he had picked up love letters from a waste-paper basket and was going to give them to his wife of the man involved.



Mabel Kropp and Emil Hersch

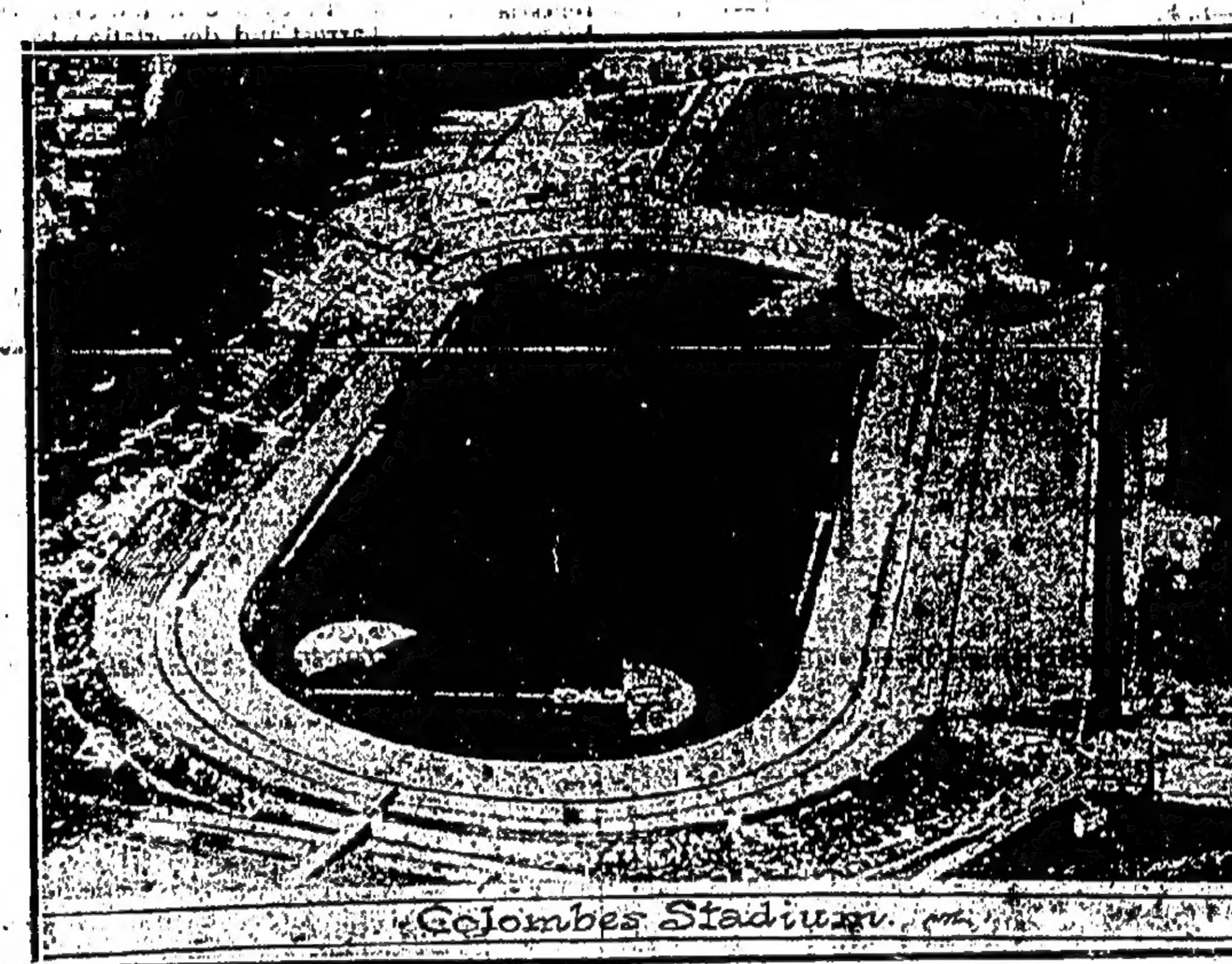
Emil Hersch, owner of a travelling show, is under arrest in Chicago, charged with kidnapping nine-year-old Mabel Kropp, of Oneida, Wis., for the purpose of using her as a "dancing doll" in his show. Alienists are examining into his sanity.



William Gibbs McAdoo and his two children—Mary Faith (left) and Ellen Wilson, granddaughters of ex-President Wilson—were recent callers on President Coolidge. As they left the White House Mr. Coolidge asked them "to call again" "Oh, we'll be back," answered Ellen, whose father is a strong possibility for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency next year.



The delegates to the Imperial British Conference, representing all the British colonies and possessions, were photographed in the garden of No. 10 Downing Street, the official London home of Premier Stanley Baldwin. In the front row, left to right, are: The Maharajah of Alwar, India; the Duke of Devonshire; T. R. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand; Lord Curzon, British Foreign Minister, Mackenzie King; Prime Minister of Canada; Stanley Baldwin, British Prime Minister; S. M. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia; Lord Salisbury; General Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa; W. B. Warren, Prime Minister of Newfoundland; Lord Peel and Desmond Fitzgerald, representing the Irish Free State. In the back row, left to right, are: Prof. Rushbrooke, representing India; Mr. McGilligan and Mr. Thompson, New Zealand; Prof. O. D. Skelton, Canada; Sir Maurice Henley and Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, India; H. Burton, South Africa; G. P. Graham, Canada; Senator R. V. Wilson, Australia; Sir Lomer Gouin, Canada; N. J. De Wet, South Africa; J. C. C. Davidson, M. P., Sir I. E. Masterson-Smith and Sir R. Gairan, Australia; E. J. Harding and Captain E. F. C. Lane, South Africa; and Mr. Curzon.



Above is the new stadium at Colombes, near Paris, France, where the 1924 Olympic Games will be held, with picked athletes of 42 nations competing for the world's supremacy in sports.



In the beautiful chapel of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, at Issy, France, Cardinal Dubois conferred sacred orders on sixteen priests and six deacons. All were combatants in the World War, including one Officer and three Knights of the Legion of Honour, two owners of the Medaille Militaire, France's highest decoration for valour, while ten wore the Croix de Guerre. One was an artillery lieutenant-colonel, six were lieutenants, four were sub-lieutenants and three were students in the War College. After the last prayer all the candidates for sacred orders fell prostrate on the floor, while the Schola Cantorum sang the litany of the saints, as shown in this photograph.

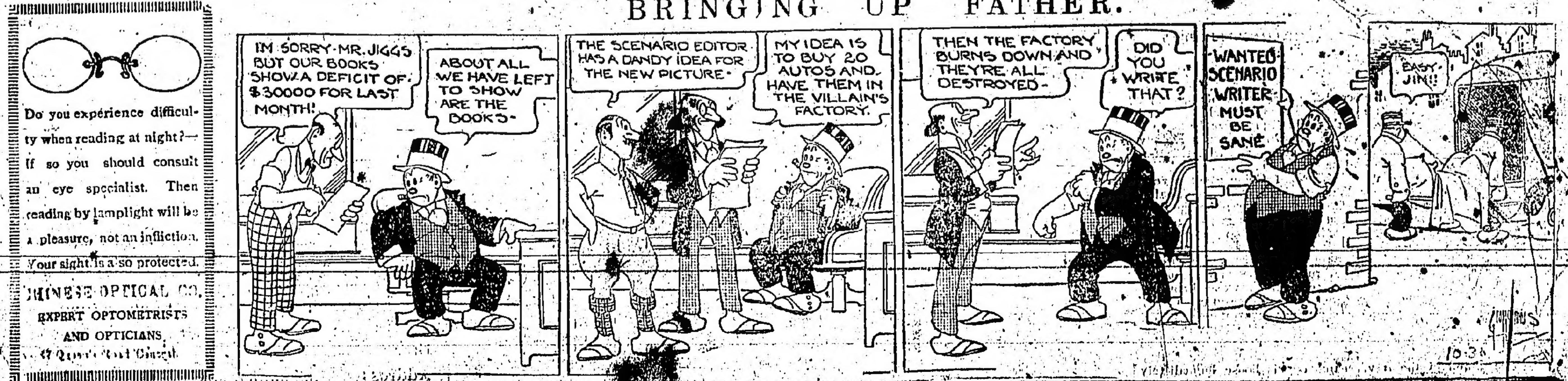


Young Chicago society women will tell the wide world, and especially that section of it that wears uniforms of commissioned officers in the United States Army, that spurs may be all right to keep their feet from slipping off their desks (as Uncle Joe Clinton described them), but they are IMPOSSIBLE on a dance floor. They say they won't go to the Armistice Day Ball at the Army and Navy Club if the officers don't sheath their spurs. The picture describes the deadly dig of the spurred military heel.



Mrs. Helen Woodward Stokes, who is being sued for divorce in New York City by W. E. D. Stokes, multi-millionaire sportsman, was identified by a repudiated affidavit of a Mrs. Williams as a red-haired woman who visited the Bethel (Conn.) bungalow of W. Leon Pepperman, vice-president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, with Edgar T. Wallace, alleged co-respondent. In court, however, Mrs. Margaret Wynn Pell, wife of a wealthy New York Stock Exchange member, appeared as Mrs. Stokes's "double." She said it was she and not Mrs. Stokes who visited the bungalow. In this she was corroborated by her husband, Colonel Pepperman, and others. Mrs. Pell's hair is red and her complexion much the same as Mrs. Stokes'. The two women are of the same size. "If you were on the jury, would you decide Mrs. Pell is Mrs. Stokes's 'double'?" Is it the tilt of the nose, the cast of the firm thin? the curious expression of the eyes? or the little, turned-down mouth?

BRINGING UP FATHER.



EA TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters) *Service to the China Mail*
CAN CUSTOMS QUESTION.

LONDON, December 29. The Washington correspondent of the *New York Times* says that a newspaper from Canton, describing the rapid growth of anti-foreign sentiments in South China, and indicating that it is reported to be directed specifically against America, has caused some concern and is the subject of official reference.

It is explained that the United States is operating with the other Powers in a naval demonstration at Canton, primarily for the purpose of assisting maintenance of the integrity of China.

The American Government is the opinion that Sun Yat-sen's threat to seize the Customs was directed at China's credit, and if such would set the seal of approval upon the retention of revenues by provincial authorities, a practice which is threatening to starve the Central Government of funds.

The policy adopted by the United States is in concert with the other Powers, and is based upon reports received from Consular and other officials on the spot, and its intention is officially that such measures will be taken as may be necessary to protect the Customs revenues from seizure, either by Sun Yat-sen's forces or others who may secure ascendancy in Kwangtung.

The *Morning Post*'s Washington correspondent says that he expects from China that the Chinese are contemplating a boycott of American goods because of American participation in the naval demonstration at Canton, as resulted in a cautiously worded semi-official intimation that the American Government favors joint action by the Powers in China, to protect treaty rights. The United States will not consent to be placed in the position of assuming leadership in coercive measures, and if that impression is created in the Chinese mind the United States may be compelled to adopt independent policy.

Reuter's American Service.

PEKING, December 29. As regards the Canton Customs Commissioner is communicating to Dr. C. C. Wu his re-appointment to the Inspector-General (not the Diplomatic Body). It is understood that the Inspector-General informed Sun Yat-sen that the Inspector-General could receive instructions from no one but the Central Government.

DUFF DEVELOPMENT CO.

LONDON, December 29. At a meeting of the Duff Development Company, the Chairman, dealing with the litigation with the Kelantan Government, stated that the directors had refused an offer to settle all matters in dispute by a monetary compensation of £300,000, and each party paying its own costs of arbitration litigation. He intimated, however, the Company's willingness to accept a reasonable compromise.

The Chairman complained strongly of the action of the Colonial Office in supporting the Government of Kelantan in running up costs.

GYRO STEERER.

LONDON, December 29. The Cunard liner "Lancaster" leaves New York on January 1st on a world cruise to demonstrate the possibilities of the automatic Sperry gyro steerer, with which she recently successfully accomplished the trans-Atlantic voyage. The vessel will proceed to the Panama Canal, calling at Yokohama, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Batavia, Singapore, Rangoon, Calcutta, Colombo and Bombay.

ENGLISH SUGAR.

London, December 29. The intention to embark on an important scheme of sugar production in England was announced at a representative meeting of agriculturists at Nottingham. The Chairman stated that four big shipowners had agreed to find capital for the company, which intended erecting a factory at Colwick, with a view to cultivating five thousand acres in 1924 and a hundred thousand acres in 1925.

RUHR AND RHINELAND.

LONDON, December 29. Owing to the joll in domestic politics the newspapers are giving attention to the new situation in the Ruhr and Rhineland and the Franco German conversations which are proceeding at Paris on this subject, as it is likely they will bulk largely in the discussions when Parliament re-opens.

FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, December 29. Thirty-one Moros were killed by the Constabulary at Malundu, Lamab, where sixty constabulary were attacked. There were no casualties among the constabulary.

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NEW AMBASSADOR TO

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LONDON, December 29. The Foreign Office announces that Sir Auckland Geddes has resigned; as the doctors have advised him that the state of his eyes will not permit of an immediate resumption of his work at Washington. In consequence of this, Sir Esme Howard has been appointed Ambassador to Washington and Sir Horace Rumbold Ambassador to Madrid.

COTTON TRADE LOSSES.

LONDON, December 29. In a speech at Manchester, Sir Charles W. Macara declared that the cotton trade was losing approximately £1,000,000 weekly. A large number of mills had not yielded a return for over three years.

BANDIT OUTRAGE.

HANKOW, December 30. The *Central China Post* has received advice from Sianyang that bandits captured the Tsao-ying and Hupei American Lutheran Brethren missionaries. Mrs. Hoff was wounded and Mrs. Kilian taken prisoner. The bandits are proceeding to Tungpu. A further telegram from Sianyang states that three missionaries have been killed at Tsao-ying by the notorious Bandit Chief Lao Yang Ren.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs at the 1st December 1923 -

CITY AND MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS

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Curtiss & Co., 5 Queen's Road Central,
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C. 39.

Hofman (Kwong O) from Macao,
Co's Wharf.

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hai—A10.

Soushu Maru, (O.S.K.) from
Swatow—Co's Wharf.

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Nanking—C47.

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China Commercial Co., Ltd.
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Modistes

Madame Piat,
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The Hong Kong Optical Co. Phone 5432.
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Printers

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Publishers and Bookbinders,
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Developing & Printing undertaken.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 31d. 11h. 11m.—Pressure has
increased slightly from Windhoek
to Chefoo and over Luzon. It
has decreased slightly from Shang-
hai to Hongkong.

The anticyclone has weakened
slightly.

Fresh monsoon may be expected
along the S.E. coast of China and
over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to date, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1, 1923, 105.71 inches,
against an average of 81.14 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on January 1, 1924.

1.—Formosa, Chancu, N. winds,
strong.

2.—South coast of China, N.W. winds,
fresh; fair.

3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N.E. winds,
fresh; fair.

4.—North coast of China, between
Hongkong and Hainan, N.E. winds,
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